

REMARKS

Claims 10, 17-21, 23-27, and 31-40 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the status identifiers for claims 23-27 and 31-40 have been clarified/updated to recite "Cancelled" instead of "Withdrawn." The status identifier "Withdrawn," previously used to identify the status of claims 23-27 and 31-40, was based on Examiner Ballard's restriction requirement of June 5, 2007. These claims are now cancelled, without prejudice, as drawn to non-elected subject matter. (See Paper No. 20070524 at 2). These claims are not being surrendered in anyway, and Applicants preserve the right to pursue these claims in divisional applications. 35 U.S.C. § 121. Thus, in view of the foregoing, the Examiner's reason for the Notice is now moot.

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments are respectfully solicited.

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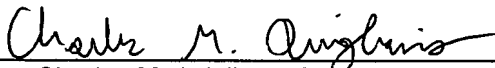
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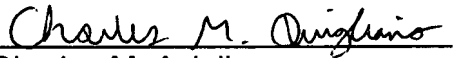


Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, entry of the amendments and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned.

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